



GIVE SWITCHMEN OF 13 RAILROADS EIGHT-HOUR DAY

Arbitration Board Allows Members of Union Straight or Overtime Pay

NOT OK OF ADAMSON LAW

Foremen and Helpers Get 5 Cents an Hour More; Asked 10 or 12 Cents

New York, Dec. 23.—The eight-hour day, with straight pro rata time for overtime, is granted to the switchmen's union by the Federal Arbitration Board in a decision to-day in the switchmen's controversy with the railroads.

The award gives an increase of 5 cents per hour for both foremen and helpers. The switchmen had asked an advance of 10 to 12 cents. They had demanded also time and a half pay for overtime work instead of the pro rata basis fixed by the Adamson law.

While all six arbitrators signed the award, James B. Connors and W. A. Titus, representing the switchmen, dissented as to the 5-cent increase, to the denial of time and a half for overtime and to the award giving overtime at the pro rata rate.

Thirteen Eastern Roads. E. F. Potter and T. W. Evans, the railroad representatives, dissented to the award of the eight-hour day. Charles B. Howry was chairman of the board and Jeremiah Jenks was the sixth member.

The award affects thirteen eastern railroads. "Much emphasis has been laid upon the fact that the hours of work of the switchmen are often long," says a statement by Arbitrators Howry and Jenks attached to the award.

Not O. K. of Adamson Law. It was said here to-day on behalf of the railroads that the award was interpreted by them as not giving an O. K. to the Adamson law.

Often Physically Exhausted. "One of the reasons urged for the shorter workday," continues the statement.

Rob in Capitol's Shadow. Thieves Smash Window and Escape With Thousands in Jewelry.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—Two men pushed their way through Christmas shoppers near the Capitol on Pennsylvania avenue yesterday, threw a brick into the plate glass window of a jewelry store and made off with several thousand dollars' worth of jewelry.

No Telegraph Christmas Day. In accordance with a long-established custom...

THE WEATHER. For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and Sunday; little change in temperature...

Temperature: 8 a. m., 24. Sun. Rise, 7:25 a. m.; sets, 4:44 p. m.

Burn a Christmas Candle. A single taper burning from the window on Christmas Eve...

RECORDER LENTZ, SANTA AND CUPID PLAY IN CAHOOTS

Pre-Christmas Issue of Licenses to Noon Break All Single Day Records

LEST APPLICANTS FORGET

Yuletide; Wedding Bells Swing; Clerk Alvord Gets an Umbrella

If the rush of business at the Dauphin county marriage bureau to-day could be used as a basis for a charge against Recorder James E. Lentz, Cupid and Santa Claus of running the bureau in cahoots, Mr. Lentz would have probably pleaded guilty for nearly a score of couples turned up to-day for the pre-Christmas rush.

But that wasn't all that gave the office a Christmas touch, bless you, Clerk "Jake" Alvord, who is Cupid's first lieutenant, was presented with an umbrella by Deputy Recorder Niesley, during which he said—"well, he said, such things as elicit a 'thank y' fer them kind words' from Jake.

The String of Knots. The marriage licenses to noon included: William Dominic Colbert and Charity Ann Greenfield, Hershey.

John L. Smith, Lincolntown, and Bessie Violet Megonne, Piketown. Sherod Wheeler Hock, Highspire, and Ruth Naomi Lebo, Oberlin.

Walter William Bell and Carrie Blanch Briker, nauphury. Harris Milton Garverich and Mary Lomman, city.

Milton Daniel Baker and Edith Elizabeth Kistler, Enshaut. William Cornelius Gress and Mary Agnes Kilgore, Columbia.

Harvey Milton Stambaugh and Grace Naomi Givens, York.

King Ratifies Treaty For Sale of Danish West Indies

Copenhagen, Dec. 23.—King Christian, in the cabinet council yesterday, ratified the treaty providing for the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States.

This follows the passage by both houses of the Danish parliament of the bill for the ratification of the treaty. The catch at every station causes big delays all along the line, it was said until it is loaded.

At the Harrisburg Post Office and express company offices. Trains arriving in the city, in many instances were several hours late, due partly to unfavorable weather conditions.

At the Harrisburg Post Office, both yesterday and to-day, new records were established for handling mail. Extra employes, trucks and wagons were kept in service all day.

GENERAL WOOD EXPLAINS. Says Six Months Intensive Training Is Sufficient.

New York, Dec. 23.—Rigorous training of a sort now unknown in the American army applied for one six-month period to boys just out of high school is Major-General Leonard Wood's idea of what is needed to establish a reserve army for this country.

Under conditions where the men's attention is devoted wholly to military work is equivalent to one and a half to two years' service in the United States Army under normal conditions," he declared yesterday in amplification of his testimony before the Senate military committee on Tuesday.

It isn't the number of months or years a man spends in the army that makes him a trained soldier, but it is the number of hours of actual work.

NEXT WEEK'S WEATHER. Washington, Dec. 23.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Sunday, December 24, issued by the Weather Bureau to-day are: Middle Atlantic States: Overcast probably the greater part of the week with rain or snow Monday or Tuesday; snow again probable Thursday or Friday.

Moderate temperatures at the week's beginning, followed by pronounced change to colder weather Wednesday or Thursday and cold thereafter the week's end.



WHEN CANDLES GLEAM IT MEANS 'TIS CHRISTMAS EVE

If you're a bit skeptical as to whether or not Harrisburg is a city of real old-fashioned homes at Christmas, just get away from the bright lights to-morrow evening and stroll out through the residential districts and watch the candles twinkle in the windows.

Since the Telegraph suggested the old Yuletide observance to Harrisburg folks, the people have grown to like candlelight more and more as a Christmas Eve illuminant.

While the candles will glow in the windows of many a home, many of the churches will conduct their services by candle light. Messiah Lutheran church, for instance, will burn nothing but Christmas candles throughout its Christmas Eve service.

President Charles A. Kunkel of the Young Men's Christian Association, this morning appointed a committee of three members of the board of directors, following the action of the board at its recent meeting, with authority to investigate thoroughly the Y. M. C. A. situation in this and other cities to make at the earliest possible date such recommendations to the board as will in their judgment tend to place the Y. M. C. A. in Harrisburg in a position which public opinion believes it should hold.

It is understood that the appointed committee, composed of W. J. Lescurie, Franklin J. Roth and E. J. Stackpole, Jr., will at once take up its work with a view to an early solution of the problem.

Reaches Into His Own Purse to Pay Wage Bonus. Lonsdale, Pa., Dec. 23.—A year ago William D. Heebner, manufacturer of agricultural machinery, informed his workmen that he would share with them at the end of this year all the firm's profits above 5 per cent.

Audit of his books shows that there has been a deficit of \$8,000 below the 5 per cent, but so that the men shall not be disappointed Heebner has gone down into his private purse to the extent of \$7,000 that he might grant to them a bonus of 15 per cent. on their salaries.

Congress Recesses; Does Record Work in Short Time. Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—Congress adjourned yesterday for the Christmas holidays, to reconvene January 2. In the three weeks of the session the House passed five government supply measures, the urgent deficiency, legislative, Indian, District of Columbia and diplomatic and consular appropriation bills, more than ever were passed before in the brief period preceding a holiday recess.

HIT WITH AX; MAY DIE. Struck over the head with an ax during a fight last night Edward Curry, colored, 699 Cumberland street, is in the Harrisburg Hospital in a dying condition, and George Dorsey, also colored, is being held by the police charged with the assault.

CHRISTMAS FAIR. Christmas Day will probably be fair with moderate temperature according to Government Forecaster E. R. De-main in the local weather bureau office. The cold wave will end to-morrow and is being followed by a storm from North Canada which may not reach here until Tuesday.

"DAYLIGHT SAVING" BILL. New York, Dec. 23.—A bill to make effective in the United States the "daylight saving" plan by which the clock would be advanced one hour from May 1, 1917, to September 30, 1917, will be introduced in Congress by Representative William F. Borah, of Missouri, it was announced by the New York daylight saving commission.

NOTICE HOW CHEERY EVERY ONE IS TODAY?

Whole City Radiates Christmas Spirit as Great Natal Day Draws Near

LIGHT TREE TOMORROW

Municipal Celebration Will Begin at 9.15; Beautiful Program to Be Given

The same fellow who always glowered at you when you accidentally tramped his foot in the homebound car to-day cheerfully divided a strap-hanger and grinned a "That's all right, Ed," even as you kicked him on both feet.

The person whom you had grown to look upon as a good deal of a "cat," particularly in the stores on bargain days, smiled in a way to make you wonder why on earth you hadn't noticed how pleasant she is.

The rasher "smart" person at the ribbon counter you discovered to-day is just a real fun-loving girl who confided to you as to what she expects "from him" and not the irresponsible fluff-whose more or less indifferent actions this week made you wonder why such girls should hold their jobs.

Round Home and Office. The Boss was mighty genial all day and you felt more like laughing at his jokes, just as you always laughed at [Continued on Page 2]

Waynesboro Companies Pay Big Bonuses to Employees

Waynesboro, Pa., Dec. 23.—Almost 900 employes of two of Waynesboro's largest manufacturing concerns were given a practical reminder of the Christmas season by large bonuses paid them to-day.

The Landis Tool Company divided \$20,000 in bonuses among its 1,000 employes here, in Greencastle and Har-erstown, based on their wages of the past year.

The Landis Machine Company presented to 427 employes—to all who are not paid monthly salaries—the sum of \$10,000, based on length of service with the company. The bonus in each case amounts to about twenty days' wages.

Tellers, cashiers, bookkeepers of the People's National Bank and the Bank of Waynesboro have received bonuses. Other people here to receive bonuses were the employes of the Bell Telephone Company.

VILLA CAPTURES TORREON

El Paso, Dec. 23.—Unconfirmed reports that Torreón had been captured by Francisco Villa's forces, were forwarded to Washington by government agents early to-day.

The reports stated that the fighting started early yesterday morning and continued until 1 o'clock in the afternoon when the city capitulated. All Americans left the city about a week ago.

GOVERNOR REFUSES TO COMMENT

Governor Brumbaugh to-day declined to make any comment one way or the other on the charges made against his administration by Senators Sproul or Snyder.

The Governor read the statements in the morning papers but sent word that for the present he had nothing to say.

VILLA EXECUTES 300 CARRANZISTAS

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 23.—Santa Rosalia, 75 miles southeast of Chihuahua City, was captured December 12, by Villa forces, according to a message received to-day by an El Paso man who owns property in Santa Rosalia.

Three hundred Carranza soldiers who had entrained there to go to Chihuahua City were captured and nearly all, including their commander, were executed, the message said. No property was destroyed.

ITALY HAS PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Rome, Dec. 23, via Paris.—Thomas Nelson Page, the American ambassador at Rome to-day handed to Baron Sonnino, the Italian foreign minister, the note from President Wilson "containing a suggestion on the subject of a plan of action concerning the war."

CHARITY MOVES SWEETLY ABOUT 'MID CITY POOR

Hundreds of Children of the Poor to Be Given Real Christmas Joy

BASKETS FOR FAMILIES

Associated Aid Societies Giving Proper Distribution of Food and Clothing

If there's a boy or girl in Harrisburg who hasn't a real Christmas this year, it will not be the fault of hundreds of kind men and women in the city and vicinity who have been spending days in preparing to make the season a happy one for hundreds of youngsters.

Much of the work of caring for the hundreds of needy children is being done through the Associated Aid Societies, but churches, businessmen, secret organizations and many individuals have interested themselves in providing Christmas cheer for needy families.

Donations are being received by the Associated Aid Societies from thirty organizations and several hundred private individuals. Others are arranging to entertain boys and girls at dinners and Christmas parties.

Clothing, coal and other necessities are being furnished in many homes as Christmas gifts, and in some instances arrangements are being made to care for destitute families during the remainder of the winter.

True Christmas Spirit. All over the city, the true spirit of [Continued on Page 2]

AMERICAN FLYER KILLED

London, Dec. 23.—H. R. Deighton Simpson, son of Henry W. Simpson, of New York, was accidentally killed while flying in England on December 19. He was a lieutenant in the British flying corps.

BERLIN DARK AT 10.30

Berlin, Dec. 21, via London, Dec. 22.—The Berlin police president has turned a deaf ear to countless appeals and has refused to extend the closing hour for restaurants, cafes, clubs and hotels beyond 10.30 p. m. on New Year's eve. The ruling hits Berlin especially hard since it has been the custom for generations to celebrate the dawn of the new year well into the morning.

CITY BATHHOUSE ITEM IS HANGING IN THE BALANCE

\$5,000 Item in Grave Danger; Expected Cut in Tax Rate Certain

Council will reduce the city tax rate from nine and a half to nine mills for the ensuing year, as had been confidently expected when it became known that some of the surplus funds of the water department were to be diverted to the general revenue fund.

But at that the question of whether or not the \$5,000 item for a municipal bathhouse and bathing beach is to be provided for is in doubt. Although he said he is for the reduction of the tax rate, "Couldn't it be possible, since money is being taken from the water surplus, to include an additional \$5,000 for the bathhouse?" he was asked.

"Don't see how," he said. "The revenue even with the water money means that we've got to cut twenty-thousand from our budget as it is."

SOUTHERN PAPERS RAISE PRICE

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 23.—The Birmingham News and the Birmingham Ledger in afternoon papers announced to-day that, effective January 1, their yearly subscription rates would be advanced \$1 because of the increased cost of news print paper. The Birmingham Age-Herald also has increased its subscription price.

ROCKEFELLER GIVES GOLD

Tarrytown, N. Y., Dec. 23.—John D. Rockefeller gave to every employe on his estate a \$10 gold piece as a Christmas present. Each gold piece was in a small case, on which was printed the season's greetings from John D. Rockefeller. Larger gifts were made to members of the household and to the office force.

SHACKLETON OFF FOR ANTARCTIC

Dunedin, New Zealand, Dec. 23, via London.—Sir Ernest Shackleton, the explorer, sailed to-day from Port Chalmers for the Antarctic on board his auxiliary ship, the Aurora, in an effort to rescue the members of his Antarctic expedition marooned near the Ross Barrier. There are ten men in the party which the explorer will attempt to reach. Captain Mackintosh and nine of the crew of the Aurora. They had only a scanty supply of provisions when the Aurora was driven away by a blizzard twenty-one months ago, leaving them stranded, and nothing has been heard from them since.

During That Hour of Rest

Turn to George Randolph Chester's new serial—"The Enemy"—opening chapters of which appear in the Telegraph to-day. It is a powerful tale of the passions of men and the love of women; of riches and poverty; of an enemy that is more powerful than Satan himself to all men—and women—down into the mire, and original—nothing more absorbing or original in fiction has been written in a decade. It is strong, absorbing and entertaining. Get acquainted with Tommy Tinkle and his pals and Bow-Wow, and you won't stop reading until the author writes final.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Otto Patterson and Novelle Harrison, Steelton. Albert Cohen and Rose Lipman, city. Irwin Monroe Frazier, Steelton, and Florida Virginia Schoppert, city.